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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains a report on actions taken by the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 23, 2013 regarding the following measures:

- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation.** Updates on the status of nine County-advocacy measures related to: hydraulic fracturing; student loans; breastfeeding; clean energy technology in schools; ammunition purchases; services for veterans; single-use plastic bags; and election reimbursements.
- **Status of Legislation of County Interest.** Updates on the status of six measures of significant interest to the County including legislation related to: the establishment of a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority; minor and non-minor dependent parents; taxes on sweetened beverages; California Environmental Quality Act reform; sexually exploited and trafficked minors; and the cigarette excise tax.

Senate Appropriations Committee Actions

On May 23, 2013, the Senate Appropriations Committee took action on over 250 bills, including nine County-advocacy measures and six bills of interest to the County, prior to the May 24th legislative deadline to pass bills out of the committee. Bills which moved from the committee to the Senate Floor must be acted on by May 31, 2013, the deadline for bills to be passed out of their house of origin.

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Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported SB 4 (Pavley), which as amended on May 7, 2013, would require an independent scientific study on hydraulic fracturing to be conducted by January 1, 2015 and would provide a comprehensive regulatory framework for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing in California, passed the committee by a vote of 5 to 2, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 20 (Hernandez), which as amended on February 14, 2013, would direct funds to the Steven M. Thompson Physicians Corp Loan Repayment Program to provide student loan repayment assistance for recently licensed physicians who practice in health professional shortage areas in California, passed the committee by a vote of 7 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-support if amended SB 39 (De León), which as amended on May 7, 2013, would allocate the energy-efficiency funds generated by Proposition 39 to projects at K-12 school districts, was amended and passed the committee by a vote of 5 to 0. As of this date, amendments are not in print but this office will report on the amended bill once language is available. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 53 (De León), which as amended on April 1, 2013, would: 1) require anyone who purchases ammunition, beginning July 1, 2017, to hold an ammunition purchase permit; 2) authorize the California Department of Justice to issue ammunition purchase permits to applicants who are residents of the State, at least 18 years of age, not prohibited from acquiring or purchasing ammunition and who pay a specified fee; 3) require that delivery or transfer of ownership of any ammunition occur in a face-to-face transaction; 4) require that, commencing July 1, 2014, only a licensed ammunition vendor may sell ammunition; among other provisions, was amended and passed the committee by a vote of 5 to 2. As of this date, amendments are not in print but this office will report on the amended bill once the language is available. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 64 (Corbett), which as amended on April 23, 2013, would require the State to develop and administer Proposition 39 programs to provide financial assistance to school districts, cities, and counties to install energy efficiency or clean energy technology in public schools and municipal facilities, passed the committee by a vote of 5 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 296 (Correa), which as amended on April 1, 2013, would appropriate \$9.0 million from the State General Fund to the California Department of Veterans Affairs for disbursement to counties to fund the activities of county veterans

services officers, was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File. This measure will not proceed this year.

County-supported SB 402 (De León), which as introduced on February 20, 2013, would require general acute and special hospitals that have a perinatal unit to adopt the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, passed the committee by a vote of 5 to 2, with amendments to delay the implementation date, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-support if amended SB 405 (Padilla), which as amended on April 2, 2013, would phase out single-use plastic bags in California grocery stores, convenience stores, liquor stores, and pharmacies by prohibiting a store from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer at the point-of-sale and would also authorize stores to make reusable grocery bags, recyclable paper bags, or compostable bags available for purchase, passed the committee by a vote of 4 to 3, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-supported SB 519 (Emmerson), which as amended on April 1, 2013, would require the State to reimburse counties for expenses incurred between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013, for certain special elections called by the Governor, was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File, and is now a two-year bill.

Status of Legislation of County Interest

SB 1 (Steinberg), which as amended on May 2, 2013, would allow a local government to establish a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority and direct tax increment revenues to that authority in order to address blight by supporting development in transit priority project areas, small walkable communities, and clean energy manufacturing sites, passed the committee by a vote of 5 to 2, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

SB 528 (Yee), which as amended on May 8, 2013, would, among other provisions: 1) require a social worker to ensure that a dependent child age 12 years or older has received specified reproductive health information; 2) add parenting minor and non-minor dependents (foster youth) to the list of families who are eligible for subsidized State and Federal child care and development services, and that dependent parents are given priority for subsidized child care when slots become available, but not displace children currently receiving care; 3) require child welfare agencies, school districts, county offices of education, and child care resources and referral agencies to make coordinated efforts to ensure that minor and non-minor dependent parents who have not completed high school have access to school programs that provide onsite or coordinated child care; and 4) require child welfare agencies to ensure pregnant and

parenting dependents have access to case workers with specialized training. SB 528 passed the committee by a vote of 6 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

SB 622 (Monning), which as amended on May 8, 2013, would impose a one-cent per fluid ounce tax on bottled sweetened beverages and concentrates. Funds generated from the tax would be allocated to local public health departments and community agencies to provide services to improve access to and consumption of healthy, safe, and affordable foods and beverages; reduce access to and consumption of calorie-dense, nutrient-poor foods; encourage physical activity; decrease sedentary behavior; and raise awareness about the importance of nutrition and physical activity to childhood obesity prevention. SB 622 was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File. This measure will not proceed this year.

SB 731 (Steinberg), which as amended on May 7, 2013, would: 1) establish Statewide standardized thresholds for the environmental impacts of traffic and noise for infill projects; 2) expedite disposition of legal challenges under CEQA by requiring concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and allowing courts to issue writs of mandates limited to only the portion of environmental documents found to be in violation of CEQA; 3) revise CEQA notice and document posting requirements; and 4) clarify types of information that would require a supplemental environmental review for previously exempt projects, among other provisions. SB 731 passed the committee by a vote of 7 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

SB 738 (Yee), which as amended on May 7, 2013, would, among other provisions: 1) provide, until January 1, 2017, that a minor may become a dependent child of the court if the minor is a victim of human trafficking, sexual exploitation, received food or shelter in exchange for sexual acts, and the parent or guardian failed or was unable to protect the child; 2) establish a State Plan to Serve and Protect Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Minors, and require, no later than January 30, 2014, for an interagency workgroup to be convened to develop the plan that would be submitted to the Legislature, Judicial Council, and the Governor no later than January 30, 2015; and 3) require training for administrators, such as group home facilities, to include instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity to provide adequate care to a sexually exploited and trafficked minor in out-of-home care. SB 738 passed the committee by a vote of 7 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

On May 14, 2013, Senator Yee, Chair of the Senate Human Services Committee, held an informational hearing on the commercial sexual exploitation of minors and policy considerations for the child welfare system. The committee heard testimony from law enforcement and child welfare experts, including Roberta Medina, Deputy Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, who indicated that Los Angeles

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County is at the forefront in tackling the issue of sexually exploited minors through the establishment of a Task Force on the Commercial Exploitation of Children and through the STAR Court process where there is a victim-centered response team which includes survivors who provide counseling. Among the major issues raised by the expert witnesses is that law enforcement and child welfare professionals are now viewing sexually exploited minors as victims and not criminals; placements are needed which provide a safe environment where child victims are in a secure, but not a locked facility; and that treatment is essential for sexually exploited minors, including health and mental health services.

SB 768 (De León), which as amended on May 14, 2013, would impose an additional excise tax of \$2.00 per package of 20 cigarettes and a one-time "floor stock tax" on the cigarettes held or stored by dealers and wholesalers. Proceeds from the taxes would be used to: 1) fund supplement tobacco prevention and control programs; 2) improve existing programs to provide quality and access to health care programs for families and children; and 3) supplement funding for the enforcement of laws that regulate the distribution and sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products. SB 768 was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

The author of SB 768, who is also the chair of the committee, noted that the bill has an urgency clause and indicated his intent to work on getting the bill to the Senate Floor this summer after passage of the State budget.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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